# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2042
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AMENDMENT IN CENTRAL SALES TAX ACT
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to amend the Central Sales Tax Act with a view to move on to Value Added Tax System for the entire country from April, 2002 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Union Government are also considering on common business identifier for VAT to check tax evasion ; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)&(b) ; Sir, on the basis of recommendation of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers,the Union Government has decided to amend some of the Sections of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 with a view to facilitate introduction of VAT by the States .

(c)&(d):On the recommendations of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, States/UnionTerritories have agreed to use PAN with suitable modifications as the common business identifier for VAT.